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**Man Admits to Killing of  
Chihuahua Caught on Tape**

A man pleaded today to deliberately running over his estranged wife's pet Chihuahua, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Michael David Parker, 45, of Sherman Oaks pleaded no contest to one felony count of cruelty to an animal and admitted an allegation that he used his car as a deadly weapon.

Parker is scheduled to be sentenced on April 28 in Department 144 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

At that time, Judge Keith Schwartz is expected to sentence him to 16 months in state prison and dismiss the remaining charges of one felony count each of animal cruelty and petty theft of a dog.

Prosecutors said that on Dec. 28, 2013, Parker took the Chihuahua named Cow-Cow to a Hawthorne alley and then ran the dog over, leaving him to die. The incident was captured on video.

The case was investigated by the Hawthorne Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.